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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : Record of Board Action in Executive Session at
the 29 June 1967 United States Intelligence Board
Meeting

REFERENCE : Joint CIA - DIA Team Report on the Military Posture
in Cuba as it Pertains to Strategic Weapons
(OCI No. 1327/67, 14 June 1967)

1. Admiral Taylor as Acting Chairman introduced the discussion in executive session by referring to the referenced report and reviewing the recommendations submitted in subparagraphs 9. a. , b. , c. and d. , thereof. He said that CIA and DIA thought that the Board should consider the degree to which action should be taken on those recommendations. Admiral Taylor also cited the sensitivity of this report which the Director of Central Intelligence had instructed be circulated to USIB Principals only, except for those involved in its preparation.

2. At Admiral Taylor's request, Dr. R. J. Smith as Acting CIA Member briefed the Board on the study and consideration of recommendation a. that had been made by CIA, and on the actions being taken to implement recommendations b. , c. and d. The Board then engaged in an extensive discussion of all aspects of the subject report, particularly measures which should be taken with respect to recommendation a. , as well as appropriate means of handling and disseminating the report.

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3. Based on this discussion the Board agreed upon the following actions:

a. Noted the actions being taken to implement recommendations b., c. and d. as outlined by Dr. R. J. Smith.

b. Noted that Admiral Taylor would verbally brief [redacted] as Chairman of the Committee on Imagery Reconnaissance and Exploitation (COMIREX) to explain the basis for the Board's charge to that Committee to study the degree to which photographic coverage of Cuba should be stepped up.

c. Noted that Mr. Carl Duckett, Deputy Director for Science and Technology (DD/S&T), CIA, would undertake to arrange for the use of an improved camera system for special coverage of Cuba.

d. Agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee (CIA, DIA, State) would prepare an agreed text, based upon a DIA submission, which would be suitable for responding to inquiries in this matter by CINCLANT and other responsible commanders and officials. Admiral Taylor stated that he would show this text to the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) for his review prior to circulation.

4. Following the above discussion, Admiral Fluckey asked if a review of the new draft treaties between the United States and Panama had been made to appraise the extent of restriction or other effects on U.S. intelligence collection. At Admiral Taylor's request, Mr. Hughes agreed to look into the question and report to the Board.

5. Mr. Hughes then suggested that another Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-8-66 may be necessary. He said that more recent CIA studies on the Soviet ICBM count tend to differ with the NIE and a Memorandum to Holders appears to be justified. Admiral Taylor agreed to check into this matter with the Board of National Estimates (BNE).

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Executive Secretary

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